

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 24, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN
Merry Fort, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, Assistant Attorney General

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Hooper seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, August 24, 2017, Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(**LPNI** = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI130242 – Approve the request to terminate the public consent order early.

RNI180073 – License with a Letter of Concern (Criminal). Respondent must submit final documentation of completion of probation within ten days of completion.

RNI180074 – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

LPNI110439 – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160440 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement to include courses in Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI150833 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement with five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare), two (2) years narcotic restrictions, Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions, and a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Must be weaned off Suboxone within 90 days, weekly random drug screens for six (6) months, random monthly hair follicle testing for six (6) months then quarterly (after completion of Suboxone).

RNI180075 – License by reinstatement.

RNI180076 – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination for reentry from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI170482 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Professional Boundaries).

RNI170307 - KT – Close the case.

RNI170307 - DS – Close the case.

LPNI170060 – Send a mitigating letter requesting a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI170075 – Close the case.

LPNI170370 – Close the case.

LPNI180014 – Close the case.

LPNI180004 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging: Dealing with Patients, and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

RNI160447 – Send a modification letter with a new sobriety date of March 6, 2017.

RNI170080 – Lift suspension and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation and include a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI160979 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for revocation. Deny the renewal. May reapply with the submission of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI180054 – License by endorsement with a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170425 – Table until the full Board meeting September 6-8, 2017.

LPNI170147 – Obtain patient treatment records to include diagnosis and a safe to practice statement. Must be received within 20 days.

RNI170661 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if non-compliant with the mental physical examination. Deny the renewal.

RNI170297 – Close the case on respondent; open complaint on complainant and refer the complainant to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Deny the renewal if served with an MPE and up for renewal.

RNI151244 – Close the case.

RNI170476 – Upon receipt of a safe to practice statement from physician which includes documentation regarding discontinuation of suboxone, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, hair follicle drug screenings quarterly for one year and random drug screens every quarter thereafter, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, work restrictions and a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. If not received, refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170878 – Refer for a peer review.

RNI170719 – Close the case on the complaint and refer complaint to the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

RNI170718 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Drugs).

RNI160765 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation with quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions, two years narcotic restrictions and a course in Substance Abuse in Nursing.

RNI130621 – Approve the request to terminate the public consent order early.

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 4:57 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**